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Congratulations: Application Figures

RVC Admissions Statistics 2015			
Course	Applications	Offers	Enrolments
BVetMed (5 yrs)	867	301	170
BVetMed Graduate (4 yrs)	428	135	79

NB: This table is purely to provide an idea of the number of applications based on our 2014 application figures; application figures fluctuate each year.

Introduction to the Royal Veterinary College

- > **Established in 1791**
 - 1st Veterinary School in the English speaking world
- > **Two very contrasting campuses**
 - Camden Campus, London
 - Hawkshead Campus, Hertfordshire
- > **Ranked #3 vet school in the world by QS World Rankings**
 - #1 vet school in the UK and in Europe
- > **Approx. 1,600 undergraduate students**
 - Small and friendly but big enough to have outstanding expertise, facilities and resources
- > **University of London**
 - Over 120,000 students



The RVC is the Most Accredited Vet School in the World.

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Camden Campus (1825)



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Camden Campus (1930)



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Hawkshead Campus (1955)



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Boltons Park Farm

Working farm that consists of 200 hectares of mainly grazing grass grazed by a commercial dairy herd (100 Holstein Friesians) and sheep flock (500 mixed breed)

Typical Student Activities at the Farm are:

- Weekly herd health visits
- Lambing practical's and night watch
- Lameness scoring
- Emergency vet visits
- Rectal classes
- Animal handling practical's
- Extra Mural Studies
- Cattle and Sheep foot trimming
- Animal welfare sessions
- Poultry handling and management
- Farm appraisals



Veterinary Medicine in the UK

> Can be studied via 2 routes

- 'Standard' 5 year route

- for those who are joining the course from High School and those who do not meet our pre-requisites

- Graduate entry route

- for those with a degree in a Biology-based discipline

> Both lead to the same qualification

- Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine

> Both are equivalent to a DVM

- Graduates can use the title Dr.



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Veterinary Medicine at the RVC

> **International recognition for our graduates**

- Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)
- American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
- European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE)
- Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC)

> **Employability**

- Top 5 in UK for Graduate Earnings

> **Innovative/Cutting Edge teaching**

- Redesigned Curriculum (2007)
- Centre for Excellence in Teaching & Learning
- Specialist teaching & Unparalleled clinics/cases



Innovative Teaching – the haptic cow

- **haptic:** a sense of touch (Greek $\eta\pi\tau\iota\kappa\acute{o}\varsigma$ (*haptikos*))
- **haptics:** is a tactile feedback technology that takes advantage of a user's sense of touch by applying forces, vibrations and/or motions to the user.



Graduate Entry BVetMed: Programme

- **Years 1 Graduate Year (Camden Campus)**
 - Principles of animal form and function
 - Infections and responses
 - Integrated structure and function
 - Animal husbandry extra mural studies (12 weeks)

- **Up to 6 weeks animal husbandry extra mural studies can be completed before the start of the course (details will provided to successful applicants)**

- **Following successful completion of the Graduate year, students join year 3 of the Veterinary Medicine programme**



BVetMed: Programme

> **Years 1-2 (Camden Campus)**

- Animal handling and husbandry
- Basic Science with an emphasis on clinical relevance
- Pathology & Infectious disease
- Animal husbandry extra mural studies (12 weeks)

> **Intercalated Options**

- Biological or Bioveterinary Sciences
- Comparative Pathology

> **Years 3-5 (Hawkshead Campus)**

- Clinical Science
- Clinical Skills
- Clinical Extra Mural Studies (EMS)(26 weeks)
- Core Intra Mural Rotations (IMR)(22 weeks)
- Elective clinical IMR (6 weeks)
- Final Year Project (8-14 weeks)

> **Years 1-5**

- Professional Studies



BVetMed: Teaching & Learning

> **Combination of**

- Clinical Skills Sessions
- Directed Learning Sessions
- Dissections
- Lectures
- Practical classes in labs and on our farm
- Private Study Sessions
- Tutorials (including live animal anatomy)

> **Must study common species**

- Advanced classes and additional rotations

> **Assessment**

- End of week questions (Formative)
- Essays and problem-solving questions (summative)
- EMQs and MCQs (formative and summative)
- Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs) Spot tests
- Spot Test
- DOPS (direct observation of procedural skills)



AHEMS, EMS & IMR

> **Animal Husbandry Extra Mural Studies (AHEMS)**

- Years 1 & 2
- 12 weeks (6 weeks can be overseas)

> **Clinical Extra Mural Studies (EMS)**

- Years 3 – 5
- 26 weeks of off-campus practical experience
(13 weeks can be overseas)

> **AHEMS/EMS Office and Intranet Resources**

> **Intra-Mural Rotations (IMR)**

- Hands-on experience in RVC clinics
- Undertaken in final years of course
- Experience (in small groups, approx. 4:1) the RVC's clinical hospitals gaining exposure to a huge caseload

Clinics and facilities

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LIVE Centre



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Beaumont Sainsbury Animal Hospital

> Case Load (per year)

- 13,500 consultations per year (Vet & Nurse)
- 45 consultations per student during a 2 week rotation
- 5.5 neuters per student during 2 week rotation



> Facilities Include

- 5 Consultation Rooms
- Neutering Theatre
- Soft Tissue Theatre
- Orthopaedic Theatres
- Intra operative radiography suite
- Diagnostic Imaging Suite
- Laboratory
- Dental Suite

> Other Services

- Pet Passports
- Various Clinics (Diabetic, Neuter, Senior Dog & Cat, Microchipping etc)

Queen Mother Hospital for Animals

> **Case Load (per year)**

- **4,200** Net Referrals & **2,500** out of hours (first opinion)

> **Facilities Include**

- 25/50 Specialist Clinicians
- 24 Consultation Rooms
- 7 Surgical Suites
- Radiography Suite
- Diagnostic Suite
- CT Scanner / MRI
- Endoscopy Unit
- Hydrotherapy Pool

> **Specialities Include**

- Anaesthesia
- Behaviour
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Emergency Critical Care
- Endocrinology
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Nutritional Support
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Physio & Rehab
- Soft Tissue



Equine Practice / Equine Referral Hospital

> Case Load (per year)

- 870 Referral First Consultations & 6,955 ambulatory visits



> Facilities Include

- Surgical Suites
- Diagnostic Imaging Suite
- Examination Rooms
- Lameness Examination
- High Speed Treadmill

> Specialities Include

- Anaesthesia
- Colic
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Emergency Critical Care
- Gait Analysis
- Infectious Diseases
- Lameness Conditions
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Poor Performance
- Regenerative
- Respiratory
- Scintigraphy
- Soft Tissue
- Standing CT / MRI
- Ultrasound

Farm Animal Clinical / Regional Centres

> **Farm Animal Clinical Centre: Hawkshead (24/7)**

- Centre of excellence in clinical service and training in diagnosis, treatment and care of individual farm animals/camelids in the UK“
- Joint Venture Practice” with Northpoint Veterinary Services

> **Regional Veterinary Centre: South Wales**

- Provides a farm health investigation service to vets/farmers to identify problems that impair productivity, health or welfare of the herd/flock.
- 4 veterinarians & 5 veterinary students

> **Regional Veterinary Centre: South England**

- Tracking rotation for students interested in production animal medicine/herd health.
- 60+ veterinary students through year
- 3 Veterinarians and 1 para-clinician.

Diagnostic Laboratories

- > **World-class diagnostic pathology services**
 - World-class specialist pathologists with over 50 years of experience and specialist knowledge within clinical and anatomical pathology.

- > **We offer a wide range of routine diagnostic services, as well as more specialised services in specific areas:**
 - Combined profiles
 - Haematology
 - Biochemistry
 - Microbiology
 - Cytology
 - Histopathology
 - Post-mortem examination
 - Endocrinology
 - Immunohistochemistry

Practical Information

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Accommodation



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Living on Campus

> Camden

- **Self-catered Halls of Residence**
 - College Grove
 - Mary Brancker House
 - Emily Bowes
- **Catered Halls of Residence**
 - Intercollegiate Halls
- **Private Housing**
- University of London support in finding private housing
<http://housing.london.ac.uk/cms/>

> Hawkshead

- **Self-catered Halls of Residence**
 - Onsite
 - Greater flexibility in terms of contract length (dependent on hall)
- **Private Housing**
 - Offsite

Student Life



Student Life

> **Sports Clubs/Societies**

- RVC Sports Clubs & Societies
- University of London Sports Clubs & Societies
- Option to create your own, subject to gaining sufficient support

> **Other**

- Free gyms on both campuses
- Active Students
- Student run bars on both campuses
- Other SU facilities
- Student balls

> **Student Blog: Jennifer Oraz**

- <https://londonvetlife101.wordpress.com>



Financial Information

> **Tuition Fees (2016/2017)**

- BVetMed: **£33,000**

> **RVC Scholarship (2015/2016)**

- One full fee scholarship, based on academic merit
- Allocation process begins once all offers have been made and should be completed by late-March
- No need to submit anything further unless requested

> **Financial Aid**

- RVC participates in William Ford Direct Loans Program
- Direct subsidised (undergraduate students only), direct unsubsidised and direct plus loans available
- Applications via FAFSA and RVC portal (further info sent to offer holders)

Visa Information

- > **All non-EU passport holders will require a visa to study in the UK**
 - Apply for a tier 4 (general) visa, operated on a points based system

- > **Confirmation of acceptance for study**
 - Issued by the RVC, confirms acceptance on the course to the UK Visas and Immigration Dept.

- > **Finance requirements**
 - Required to have sufficient funds to pay first year's tuition fees and for living expenses for year 1.
 - Current requirements £11,835 for living costs
 - Needs to have been held in a bank account for 28 days prior to application

- > **NHS surcharge**
 - Payable by all tier 4 applicants, to cover NHS usage (currently £825 for BVetMed programme and £675 for Graduate programme)

What happens next?

> **Decision process**

- Interview process will complete early-January
- Offers out mid-January to mid-February
 - Offers may be conditional on completing your studies
- Deposit required to secure place (£1,000)

> **Accommodation applications**

- Sent out early-May, deadline end of May (tbc)

> **Visa application process**

- Cannot apply until 3 months before start of course
- CAS will be issued from early July
- Should apply **as soon as CAS is received** to allow sufficient time

> **Arrival process**

- Pre-sessional induction and orientation programme
 - Help you get settled
- Start date Thursday 16 September (tbc)

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